

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ABOUT**

**PROPOSED BOUNDARIES AND DESIGNATION FOR PLAYA GRANDE EL  
PARAISO NATURAL RESERVE, DORADO**

Pursuant the authority vested by Article 27 of Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, known as “The Puerto Rico Planning Board Organic Act”; Act 170 of August 12, 1988, known as the “Uniform Administrative Procedure Act”; the Puerto Rico Planning Board and Department of Natural Environmental Resources, notifies the celebration of a public hearing to be held as follows:

**DATE:** May 3, 2016  
**HOUR;** 1:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Pabellón Comercial Rafael Hernández Colón, Calle Méndez Vigo, Dorado

**Subjects to be considered:**

The Puerto Rico Planning Board and the Natural and Environmental Resources Department, announces the public hearing for the designation of the Playa Grande El Paraiso Natural Reserve in Dorado, in order to protect the environmentally sensitive area which in serve as habitat for nesting sea turtles, (*Dermochelys coriacea*) showing one of the highest annual rates of reproduction for this species in Puerto Rico.

The proposed Natural Reserve, is a beach strip in Dorado, located north of the PR-165, between the mouths of the Rivers Cocal by the east and Río La Plata, in the west, between kilometers 20.3 24.3. South of the road along the beach locates the Land Authority parcel Finca Julia. The proposed natural reserve has a surface area estimated at 53.1 cuerdas, 3.93 km beach and 9 nautical miles.

Among the issues to be discussed at the public hearing are: the conditions of low coastal development nearby have been favorable to the quality of habitat for nesting sea turtles and reef systems. In addition, the Planning Board at its ministerial duty has recognized the area of interest as a sensitive one and classified it as Especially Protected Rustic Land with zoning district of Resource Preservation District (PR) in the following documents:

1. Interest Tourist Zone Vega Alta, Dorado and Toa Baja of December 21, 2000 and amended on April 28, 2010.
2. Dorado Territorial Plan, approved on June 8, 2011.
3. Karst Special Planning Area Regulation (PRAPEC), in effect since July 4, 2014.
4. Puerto Rico Land Use Plan (PUTPR), November 30 2015.

**Availability of Documents:**

Copy of documents will be available during business hours since April, 17, 2016 at the City Hall (“Casa Alcaldía”) of Dorado and Toa Baja Municipalities, and at the Puerto Rico Planning Board Land Use Planning Subprogram, located in the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and at the Permits Management Office (OGPe) located in the 13<sup>th</sup> floor, both located in North Building of Roberto Sanchez Vilella Government Center, at Diego Avenue corner of Baldorioty Castro Avenue in Santurce.

These documents will also be available at the Central Office of the Natural Resources and Environmental Department, located at fourth floor in Environmental Agencies Building Dr. Cruz A. Matos, Sector El Cinco, Road 8838 Km. 6.3, Río Piedras.

Also will be available in the Puerto Rico Planning Board website: [www.jp.pr.gov](http://www.jp.pr.gov) and DRNA website: [www.drna.gobierno.pr](http://www.drna.gobierno.pr)

**Invitation to the General Public:**

The Puerto Rico Planning Board invites all government agencies, private entities, municipalities and the general public to participate in this public hearing or by submitting written comments to the following address: **Puerto Rico Planning Board**, PO Box 41119, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1119. According to section 2.1 of Act 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, a period of thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice is granted to the general public to submit written comments to the following web address: **comentariosjp@jp.pr.gov**. The Puerto Rico Planning Board will acknowledge receipt of the comments in writing within two (2) days, in conformity with section 2.1 of Act 170, supra.

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Interim Secretary

President  
Puerto Rico Planning Board

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